



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 1761

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hoy, Stephen, B.

Serial No.: 08/817,278

Art Unit: 1761

Filed: April 10, 1997

Examiner: Dauerman, S

Title: EDIBLE ANIMAL GREETING CARDS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 5, 1999, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

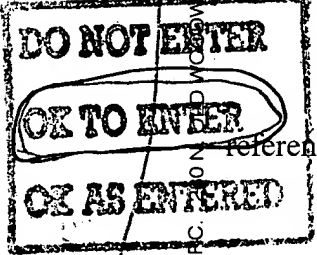
1. (Twice amended) An edible greeting card suitable for ingestion by a pet, comprising:
- a [substantially rigid edible] rawhide panel [suitable for ingestion by a pet, the substantially rigid edible panel] having a front surface and a back surface; and
- [at least one message region disposed on one of the front and back surface of the substantially rigid edible panel;]
- at least one graphical image of a pet and at least one [edible] textual message, both formed on the front surface of the rawhide panel using an edible ink [of a material] suitable for ingestion by [the] a pet [and disposed in the message region];

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